MR. CHAIRMAN: It would not be a part of the record.

श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र: अगर इनको बुरा लग रहा है तो हम माफी मांगते हैं। लेकिन सरदार के लिए कुछ नहीं कहा है, पगड़ी-साफा तो कई लोग पहनते हैं।

श्री पी. एम. सईद: आदरणीय सदस्य ने जो सवाल पूछा है कि खरबूजे में जो नशीले पदार्थ पाए गए हैं, यह भी जाने-अनजाने जो वहां की व्यवस्था करने वाले हैं, उनको आपने क्रेडिट ही दिया है। क्योंकि उसमें यह पाया जाना और आफिशियल को यह सस्पीशियन आ गया खरबूजे में कोई नशीला पदार्थ घुसाने का तो उसको उन्होंने वहां तोड़ कर देखा तो उसमें यह पाया गया...(व्यवधान)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, I am not able to understand what the hon. Minister is replying. There is no interpretation. (*interruptions*) Now it is coming.

श्री पी. एम. सईद: इसके इलावा अभी तक जो पाए गये हैं, वह छोटे एक-एक ग्राम, दो-दो ग्राम के नशीले पदार्थ पाए गए हैं और वह भी इसी पोलीथीन पैक में ही पाए गए हैं। इसलिए हमने कहा कि खास कर के इस दृष्टि से हम उसको देखते हैं, किसी भी फल को काट कर भी जैसे खरबूजे के अन्दर पाया गया है। इसलिए यह कहना ठीक नहीं है कि और नशीले पदार्थ अन्दर चले जाएंगे। यह बिलकुल गलत है।

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Sir, I wonder whether in the present frenzy for liberalisation and globalisation, even the Tihar Jail has been truly globalised. Already all sorts of stories are being heard. There has been recently a report that a hardened international criminal, who must have committed dozens of murders across the world and who is also accused of many other heinous crimes, has been provided facilities to write a laudatory biography of an Inspector-General of Police, who was in charge of this prison till recently. I wonder how these things could and can happen in our country. I would like the Home Minister to make a response.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): May I request the hon. Member kindly to repeat the question? I have not followed it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Leasing of ships to ONGC by Essar Shipping

*203. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Essar Shipping is leasing out ships to ONGC on cost plus basis;

(b) if so, the difference between the cost plus lease and the current market rates for leasing; and

(c) the terms and conditions under which such cost plus norms were decided and the reasons for accepting such arrangements by ONGC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No ship/ vessel has been taken on lease from M/s. Essar Shipping on cost plus basis by ONGC directly. However, in May-June, 1995, Oil Coordination Committee (OCC) have released, on request from ONGCL, from their charter fleet, MT Nand Shivchand of M/s. Essar Shipping, for short term deployment. For such requirements ONGCL reimburses the cost on a back to back basis to OCC.

Protection of the rights of fishermen granted by Indo-Sri Lankan agreement of 1974

*205. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the traditional rights of Indian fishermen for fishing, pilgrimage and navigation which they had enjoyed in the past in the histroic waters between India and Sri Lanka, under the Indo-Sri Lankan Agreement of 1974; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken so far to protect the traditional rights of our fishermen?